

HOUSE RESOLUTION 263

By Lynn

A RESOLUTION honor and congratulate the Mt. Juliet High School Golden Bears on winning the TSSAA Region 5-AAA boys' basketball championship.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to recognize a team of remarkable young men who selflessly united behind one goal to reach an important milestone in Tennessee high school basketball; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2019-2020 Mt. Juliet High School boys' basketball team elevated themselves to elite status by posting an overall record of 25-3; and

WHEREAS, after breezing through regular season play with a 13-1 district record and only three losses overall, the Golden Bears won their third consecutive District 9-AAA championship by beating arch-rival Station Camp 57-47 in the final game of the tournament, thus avenging their sole district loss; and

WHEREAS, advancing to Region 5-AAA play as a number-one seed, Mt. Juliet destroyed Kenwood 70-41, clobbered Clarksville 70-39, and defeated Northeast 53-44 to claim the crown of region champions for the first time in school history; and

WHEREAS, in the sectionals, the Golden Bears massacred Summit by seventeen points to advance to the state tournament for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Juliet has been led by three super seniors this storybook season, Will Pruitt, who was honored as Most Valuable Player for District 9-AAA, District 9-AAA Tournament, and Region 5-AAA, and Isaac Thompson and Gage Wells, both of whom were named All-Region; sophomore Charles Clark III also received All-Region honors; and

WHEREAS, the astounding success enjoyed by the Golden Bears this season is directly attributable to the leadership and expertise of District 9-AAA Coach of the Year Troy Allen, now

in his sixteenth year at Mt. Juliet, and his assistant coaches, Michael Berardi, Jonathan Drake, and Nate Stewart; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Juliet High School Golden Bears made history in Tennessee high school basketball this season, and they should be commended as they hoist their 2020 Region 5-AAA championship banner; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Coach Troy Allen and the Mt. Juliet High School Golden Bears on winning the TSSAA Region 5-AAA boys' basketball championship, salute their ongoing commitment to excellence both on and off the court, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.